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From: Nancy Barnes [Nancy_Barnes@legis.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 1:54 PM

To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); btiedemann@aidea.org; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Harper; Michael C (AIDEA)

Subject: FW: Rural Energy Crisis

Senator Kookesh asked me to forward this note to you from the Mayor of Bettles. Nancy Barnes, Senator Albert Kookesh's Office

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From: Bettles Lodge [mailto:bttlodge@alaska.net]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 12:31 PM
To: Sen. Albert Kookesh
Subject: RE: Rural Energy Crisis

Albert,
I did get a response from the Governors office which was a boiler plate response that it would be passed on to her staff. I am in high hopes that this will be taken serious by the Governor and warrants her involvement. I am sure you are aware what these oil prices are doing to rural Alaska. I am also sure Juneau is happy with the increased revenue, however I hope someone there has the foresight to use some of the windfall for investing in our future with a sound energy policy that benefits all Alaskans, not just the rail belt and Juneau. As I told the Governor, this is an immediate crisis for rural Alaska. As such the residents of the "bush" need and deserve an immediate response from Juneau.
Thank you for contacting me. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help move this issue forward.
Dan Klaes
At 11:07 AM 11/12/2007, you wrote:

Hello Mayor Klaes----Thank you for writing---I have contacted the Governor's Office Chief of Staff & Mike Harper at AIDEA and have asked for a copy of the response from Governor Palin. All the best, Albert

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From: bettles lodge [mailto:bttlodge@alaska.net]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2007 11:39 AM
To: governor@alaska.gov
Cc: Sen. Albert Kookesh; Rep. Woodie Salmon; Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: Rural Energy Crisis

Dear Governor Palin,
I would like to start with "we need your help and support". My name is Dan Klaes.I am the Mayor of the City of Bettles, a community that is rural and not attached to the road system. I also own a small business in Bettles and a current member of the State of Alaska Aviation Advisory Board. The cost of oil has created a serious crisis for rural Alaska. This is an immediate crisis, not a future event. If the current situation is not addressed in the very near term, what little economies in the rural communities are in danger of collapse. Residents are being forced to make the decision to "heat or eat". This is an appalling concept in a state which is reaping such tremendous income from the high price of oil. We are going to see a "migration" of residents from rural Alaska to our larger communities as they cannot afford to stay.

It is in the best interests of the State of Alaska and the residents to foster ways to reduce the dependence on oil in Alaska. Alternative sources of energy are expensive to install and have a very limited capability to produce energy on a year round basis, making most cost prohibitive. The way to make alternative energy more affordable is to spread the cost for installation over the entire year by receiving benefits from the system during times they produce little energy. Solar has potential to provide substantial excess amounts of power during our long periods of sunlight during the summer months in Bettles. The problem is, there are no economical ways to store that excess power. One possible way to make alternative energy sources more affordable is through Net Metering. Over 40 states have now passed net metering in one form or another. Alaska needs to do the same. Net metering is required under the Energy Policy act of 2005 signed by the president and states:

SEC. 1251. NET METERING AND ADDITIONAL STANDARDS.

(a) Adoption of Standards- Section 111(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2621(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:
`(11) NET METERING- Each electric utility shall make available upon request net metering service to any electric consumer that the electric utility serves. For purposes of this paragraph, the term `net metering service' means service to an electric consumer under which electric energy generated by that electric consumer from an eligible on-site generating facility and delivered to the local distribution facilities may be used to offset electric energy provided by the electric utility to the electric consumer during the applicable billing period.

The use of alternative energy in rural Alaska has numerous benefits including:

1. lower cost to produce
2. reduced oil consumption
3. reduce carbon output
4. reducing energy cost for residents

Generation of electricity by alternative sources would allow utilities to "downsize" generating capacity during the peak times of alternative production.

Rather than having each utility address net metering, a statewide policy is desirable and essential, to allow individuals and businesses to make the substantial investment required.
Creating a grant, or no interest loan program, by the State of Alaska would substantially help speed up the installation of alternative energy sources and see a reduction in energy cost and dependency on oil. It would truly be an investment in the future of Alaska.

I am asking that you, as Governor, consider introducing a bill to the legislature to create a statewide policy in the Alaska Statutes regarding net metering. I have reviewed numerous laws from a number of states and have drafted a possible bill that I feel fits Alaska. I am enclosing that draft for your reference. I would also ask the State of Alaska research the concept of grant or loan programs to speed up the use of alternative energy in rural Alaska.

Thank you in advance for considering the issue. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

11/9/2009

Dan Klaes
Mayor
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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 12:38 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Food

Glad you thought of it!! Good use of the extras!! :)

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)

Sent: Mon Nov 12 12:34:27 2007

Subject: Re: Food

He's over there now- whatever he brings over here will be fine. Thanks!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:31:29

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Food

No problem-take everything!! I was going to order pizza for their next work day. I can meet him and pack stuff up if you want.

:)

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)

Sent: Mon Nov 12 12:28:31 2007

Subject: Food

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From: Frye, Ivy J (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRYE]

Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 11:20 AM

To: 'Sarah Palin'

Subject: heads up

Rep Samuels will be speaking on the gas tax today at the CCRW monthly luncheon at the Prospector. If you just happened to be in those neck of the woods and stopped in...

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From: Kim, Anna C (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=ACKIM]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 6:00 PM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); 20080515kkjackson_A; Kim; Anna C (GOV)
Subject: Health Initiative

Governor and. Mike,

Just a followup to my prior email before the next Gov health initiative working group meets regarding funding parameters for spending on a Gov's health initiative for a FY2010 roll out? I need to communicate the general funding parameters to the working group at our Wed meeting. Dr. Butler is the primary working on this with me and others.

Please advise. Thanks Anna

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]

Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 9:08 AM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: Office

Good morning--

I'm in the Anchorage office this morning preparing for an RDC talk on Wednesday a.m. No one else is around so it should be productive. Feel free to call if you have anything you want to go over related to ACES, the RDC talk, or anything else. My direct line is 269-0325 (don't leave a voice mail on that one as I don't check it), and I've got my cell phone with me. Have a great day!

Sean

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Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 9:44 AM

To: 'Sarah Palin'

Subject: Sour Grapes Party...found this in the clips

Turning bitter whine into wine
Since they are both opposed to the current administration, namely everything Gov. Sarah Palin supports or advocates, perhaps Senate President Lyda Green and Andrew Halcro should form a new party for the next election. Maybe they could call it the Sour Grapes Party.
-- Gerald Groff
Wasilla

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